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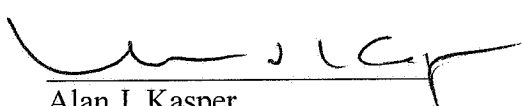
Please correct the Title: ~~Leakage~~ Leak detector and ~~leakage detection~~ leak detecting system using the same

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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in  
LEAK DETECTOR AND LEAK DETECTING SYSYTEM USING THE SAME

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefore on

Nov. 1, 2005; and

Whereas, MITSUI MINING & SMELTING CO., LTD.  
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

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